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### **GOVERNOR'S CUP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED**

(BOISE) – Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter today announced the 22 recipients of the 2012 Governor's Cup Scholarships to Idaho colleges and universities.

Recipients were chosen from among more than 500 applicants by the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Fund Inc.'s 17-member board of directors. Selections were based on each applicant's commitment to public service, academic achievement and community involvement.

The award is \$3,000 per year, renewable for up to four (4) years, or two to three years for professional-technical programs, contingent upon the availability of funds. A total of 98 students now have been awarded scholarships through the program during Governor Otter's administration.

Here are this year's recipients, along with their high schools and the schools that they will attend in the fall:

#### **Academic Scholarships – four-year programs**

**Erica Albertson** – Borah High School, Boise – attending the University of Idaho  
**Nikkaila Bain** – Moscow High School – attending the University of Idaho  
**Demsie Butler** – Bliss High School – attending Lewis-Clark State College  
**Kara Fleming** – Meridian High School – attending Northwest Nazarene University  
**Brandon Garner** – Sugar-Salem High School, Sugar City – attending BYU-Idaho  
**Matthew Greer** – St. Maries High School – attending Lewis-Clark State College  
**Roxanne Hill** – Castleford High School – attending Northwest Nazarene University  
**Shara Kehrner** – Payette High School – attending Idaho State University  
**Katie Keller** – Bishop Kelly High School, Boise – attending the University of Idaho  
**Amanda Kleist** – Century High School, Pocatello – attending Idaho State University  
**Argia Larrocea-Phillips** – Meridian High School – attending Northwest Nazarene University  
**Taylor Maloney** – Weiser High School – attending the University of Idaho  
**Amanda Michaels** – Centennial High School, Meridian – attending the College of Western Idaho  
**Demetria Riener** – Prairie High School, Ferdinand – attending Lewis-Clark State College  
**Michelle Robinson** – Caldwell High School – attending BYU-Idaho  
**Ivan Esparza** – Nampa High School – attending the College of Idaho  
**Tayler Schvaneveldt** – Grace High School – attending Idaho State University

**Katie Vandenberg** – Middleton High School – attending the University of Idaho

**Sarah Walsh** – Meridian High School – attending the College of Idaho

**Professional-Technical Scholarships – two- or three-year programs**

**April Hillestad** – Columbia High School, Nampa – attending the College of Western Idaho

**Edwin Lopez** – Vallivue High School, Caldwell – attending the College of Western Idaho

**Rafe Williams** – Clearwater Valley High School, Kooskia – attending Lewis-Clark State College

“It’s an honor to help in some small way to ensure our most deserving students get the financial assistance they need to prepare for a brighter future right here at home,” Governor Otter said. “The generosity of our sponsors and the passion that these young people show for learning and giving back to their communities is matched only by the commitment of everyone involved to making Idaho an even better place to live, work and raise a family.”

The 2011 event’s “premier” sponsors of the Governor’s Cup Scholarship Fund, with \$35,000 donations, were:

- CenturyLink
- Mountain View Hospital.

The 2011 event’s “major” sponsors, with \$25,000 donations, were:

- J.R. Simplot Co.
- Potlatch
- Micron Technology Foundation
- Blue Cross of Idaho
- Agrium
- AREVA
- Paris Hills Agricom
- Premier Technology
- Sun Valley Co.

A reception for this year’s scholarship recipients is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 19, from 4-6 p.m., at the Idaho House (formerly the home of J.R. and Esther Simplot)**. The students will receive certificates and have a photo opportunity with Governor Otter and First Lady Lori Otter.

The 2012 Idaho Governor’s Cup event is scheduled for August 23-25 in Coeur d’Alene.

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